

24 June 1958

INTER OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the 48th meeting held on 3 June at 1000 hours in room 2422, Barton Hall.

Present:

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[REDACTED] O/SI - Chairman

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[REDACTED] O/CI

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[REDACTED] S/COMM/OCR

[REDACTED] RSB/SR/OCR

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[REDACTED] O/C

[REDACTED] O/SI

[REDACTED] O/SI - Secretary

1. The minutes were approved as written.

2. The secretary reported that NSC-169 has been rescinded by the approval of the NSC Planning Board recommendations forwarded on 21 April with minor changes and by the actions of the NSC on 15 May (NSC Action 1910). Although no immediate problem to any Agency element has been raised by the rescission, it was agreed that the committee should prepare a list of all projects, activities and bodies of the Agencies which came into being under NSC-169 and point out any aspect of these activities affected by the rescission of NSC-169 and the transfer of the coordinating responsibilities to ODM and OCB. The secretary was instructed to prepare a draft paper covering this and to submit it to the IOTAC members for comments, changes, and/or concurrences.

3. The Chairman reported that no action was taken on the revised charter concerning the mission of IOTAC because of the absence of [REDACTED]. He stated that the rescission of NSC-169 and related agency commitments suggests further discussions on this subject with Agency components which were not reflected in the first draft charter presented to the membership.

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4. [REDACTED] reported that the NSA had responded well though late on the requirements laid on RSD/SR by OSI. He felt optimistic that NSA will comply with future specific requirements although he had reservations on the willingness of NSA to maintain a flow of pertinent information in the absence of specific requirements.

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5. [REDACTED] reported that every effort was being made to ship the new receiving and recording equipment to Iron Curtain posts during June. He also reported that a specialist from OSI was scheduled to depart [REDACTED] to survey the PRAG automatic monitoring equipment developed by [REDACTED] engineers for possible usage at all Iron Curtain posts to support manual monitoring activities.

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6. [REDACTED] reported that the ad hoc IOTAC committee, consisting of [REDACTED] OCR, [REDACTED] met at 1000 hours 26 May to discuss the OSI staff study concerning Project Sunspot. [REDACTED] OSI, was invited to the meeting. The ad hoc committee reviewed the staff study and after a discussion made the following recommendations:

(1) The Agency should report to the Department of Defense that:

a. The operation has not been successful in fulfilling requirements because of operational and command channel problems.

b. Suggest to DOD that the entire operation be given to one service which should in turn can task its security services.

The committee concurred that the above recommendations be affixed to the staff study and forwarded to the AD/SI for further action.

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7. Under old business [REDACTED] reported that he understood the AD/SI has forwarded information to the DCI concerning Project [REDACTED] [REDACTED] informed the committee that NSA has an interest in information coming from this source.

8. Under new business [REDACTED] informed the committee that FI/D would not attend future meetings, but would defer to [REDACTED] to represent their interests. However, they are interested in receiving the agendas and minutes. The Chairman instructed the secretary to prepare a memo from the Committee expressing appreciation to [REDACTED] for his long and effective service with IOTAC meetings and activities; and to [REDACTED] for his advise, assistance and direct support of IOTAC.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1206 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 5 August 1958, at 1000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary